POSTURE OBSERVATION PERSISTENT MISALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT EDWOSB NEVADA POPULATION

Assessment Area 1. Media Protection Domain Documentation State

The Media Protection domain within the Active FCI Posture Record of EDWOSB-designated contractors operating in Nevada under FAR 52.204-21 obligations contains documentation whose coverage property is present for a subset of media types and absent for others. The documentation that exists addresses organizational media handling as it was configured at the time the record was established. The organization was not aware that the record became misaligned with the current environment. The gap was not identified internally. The condition was present before documentation audit processes operating across the contractor base observed it at the point of review. The record is aligned with the current configuration or it is not aligned with it.

Physical media protection documentation addresses the handling, storage, transport, and disposal of media that contains or has contained Federal Contract Information. The record across this population describes media types and handling procedures that correspond to a prior configuration of the operating environment. USB storage devices added after the documentation was established do not appear in the record. Portable drives acquired for field operations are not addressed. The media inventory the documentation references does not include media acquired or deployed since the record was last confirmed. The coverage property is present for the media types the record names. The coverage property is absent for the media types the record does not name. The two findings occupy the same assessment window.

The organization did not identify the gap. The media additions occurred as part of routine operational procurement. No process existed within the organization to surface the documentation impact of media acquisitions. The record became misaligned without producing an internal notification. Documentation audit processes operating across the contractor base observed the condition externally.

Assessment Area 2. Media Disposal Documentation and Record Accuracy

The accuracy property of the record within the media disposal area is absent for disposal events that occurred after the record was last confirmed. The record describes a disposal process. The disposal process has changed. Equipment used for media destruction was replaced. The procedure was modified. The record does not reflect the current process. Documentation in which the scope description reflects a configuration that has since changed remains the operative disposal documentation. The two findings coexist in the record as currently configured.

The organization did not recognize that the disposal process change affected the Active FCI Posture Record. The change was implemented as an operational improvement. The documentation impact was not identified. Similarly situated contractors operating under equivalent vehicles exhibit the same condition. The disposal documentation was accurate at the point of creation. The disposal process changed. The documentation did not follow. Neither resolves the other in the current record state. The coverage is present in the sense that a disposal section exists within the record. The accuracy is absent in the sense that what the section describes does not correspond to the current process.

The invisible nature of this decay is its defining characteristic. The organization continued to dispose of media. The organization continued to maintain a record that described how it disposed of media. The two activities proceeded in parallel without correspondence. The gap between the documented process and the actual process was not self-reported.

Assessment Area 3. Media Transport and Handling Procedures

Neither observation precedes the other within the current review. The record addresses media transport procedures as they existed when the documentation was established. Personnel who transport media between facilities follow procedures that have been modified since the record was last confirmed. New personnel perform media transport without reference to the documented procedure. The documented procedure and the practiced procedure have diverged.

The organization was not aware of this divergence. The media transport function operates below the visibility threshold of organizational management. Both are observable within the same assessment surface. The coverage property is present for transport documentation as a category. The accuracy property is absent for the transport procedures as currently practiced. A record whose boundary does not correspond to the present operating environment includes a transport section that describes routes, handling requirements, and personnel authorizations that do not match the current operational state.

Documentation audit processes operating across the contractor base observe the transport documentation at the point of review. The documented procedure is accessible. The documented procedure is not accurate. The condition persisted across the assessment interval without the organization surfacing it through internal review. Neither condition displaces the other in the record.

Assessment Area 4. Storage Location Documentation and FCI Coverage

A record that carries a boundary description that predates the current assessment period includes storage location references that do not reflect the current physical arrangement. Media containing FCI is stored at locations that were not present when the documentation was established. Office reconfiguration moved storage from one facility area to another. The documentation was not updated. The record describes storage locations that no longer correspond to where media is physically maintained. Neither state closes within the period the document addresses.

The organization was not aware that the storage relocation affected the record. The relocation was executed as a facilities management action. No process connected the physical relocation of media storage to the documentation that describes where media is stored. Similarly situated contractors operating under equivalent vehicles exhibit the same pattern. Storage locations change. Documentation does not change with them. The record becomes misaligned through a process the organization does not observe.

A record that captures the organization's boundary as it existed before the current period describes a storage configuration that was accurate at the time the documentation was produced. The storage configuration changed. The record did not. The coverage is present. The accuracy is absent. The condition and its counterpart are both present at the point of review.

Assessment Area 5. Persistent Misalignment Across the Media Protection Domain

Documentation that reflects the environment as it existed before the most recent change persists as the operative record for the Media Protection domain across this population. The persistent nature of the misalignment is a product of invisible decay. The organization did not identify the gap. The organization did not report the gap. The organization continued operating under the assumption that the record was current. The two states are simultaneously observable in the record. The record exists. The record does not reflect the current environment.

The condition is persistent because no internal mechanism surfaces the divergence. Media types change. Disposal processes change. Transport procedures change. Storage locations change. The record does not change in response to any of these events. The coverage property is present at the categorical level. The

accuracy property is absent at the operational level. A record that was last updated before the present configuration was established persists as the only documentation available to documentation audit processes operating across the contractor base.

The organization whose Active FCI Posture Record reflects continuous documentation across the Media Protection domain is the organization whose record addresses the current media inventory, the current disposal process, the current transport procedures, and the current storage locations. That record produces audit-ready structured output that corresponds to the environment as it exists at the point of review. The organization whose record does not reflect these current states is the organization in which the media protection documentation is present and misaligned. The two conditions coexist without resolving. Documentation whose last confirmed state predates the current environment remains operative. The persistent misalignment is present. The persistent misalignment is current.